

Academic Advising & You

Good planning and advisor feedback are crucial in helping you achieve your academic goals. Therefore, you must take full advantage of the information, advice and expertise that you assigned advisor has to offer.

Who is my advisor?

Once you are enrolled and in classes, you will be assigned an academic advisor based on the program area you expressed interest in on your college application. You will receive the advisors name, office number, and office hours into the mail around mid-term. You may change your advisor at any time, if you decide to change your major, etc.

When will I meet my advisor?

It will be your responsibility to contact your advisor and meet with that person. You may contact your advisor anytime during the semester. All students are encouraged to make an appointment with the advisor during pre-registration, at the end of each semester. At that time, your advisor will review your academic record and help you choose your classes for the next semester. This is a very important step, since taking the correct courses is critical to completing your degree on time. You will not be required to meet with your advisor, so it is up to you to contact the advisor.

How should I prepare for my advising appointment?

The time you spend with your advisor may be limited, so prepare ahead of time to make the most of it. Get a copy of your degree requirements from the counselor and review it thoroughly. Make a list of classes you've already taken. Be ready to discuss any questions or concerns you have thus far with your advisor. If you are undecided about a program or career direction, discuss this with your advisor. Make sure you and your advisor agree on your projected graduation date and any deadlines you must meet for the following semester. If you are experiencing difficulty in classes or are having difficulty reaching your goals for any reason, be sure to inform your advisor. Your advisor is there to assist you in planning your educational program and addressing your concerns, questions and needs. *You are the only one who can follow through on those plans and secure an education for yourself.*

How do I graduate?

The semester before graduation, you must pick up a graduation application from the admissions office. You will complete this form with the help of your advisor and return it by the deadline indicated in the course schedule. Without this completed form, you will not graduate on time.

